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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY UNDER SECRETARY ASA HUTCHINSON  
ANNOUNCES \$2.8 MILLION COMPETITIVE GRANT AWARDED  
TO UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS**

*Little Rock, Arkansas-* The Honorable Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary for Border and Transportation Security, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, today announced that the University of Arkansas has been awarded a \$2.8 million Competitive Training Grant to enhance cyberterrorism prevention.

The Competitive Training Grants Program provides funding for training initiatives to further the Department's mission of preparing the nation in the event of a terrorist incident. The University of Arkansas completed a scrupulous application process for this grant—over 217 applications were received and the Department selected 14 programs for funding, totaling \$33,645,997 to be awarded.

The University's National Center for Rural Law Enforcement (NCRLE) plans to use this funding to train 1,500 public safety personnel nationwide, enhancing prevention of cyberterrorism. NCRLE will partner with regional law enforcement agencies to develop and promote the curriculum. The training will be offered through a mobile training lab in efforts to address critical need areas.

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